

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 24, the location-related information being offered on an Internet portal of a service provider in return for payment.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 24, further comprising:
selecting a link to an Internet page of an information provider to reach the Internet page of a service provider having the location-related information; and
providing payment by the information provider to the service provider for the download of the location-related information.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, the payment amount being calculated as a function of a data set of the location-related information.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 24, the provision of the location-related information on the Internet page being financed at least partially by advertising.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 25, wherein for an encoding of objects in a traffic route network, the object to be encoded being provided with at least one coordinate chain which at least partially lies on traffic routes which are also included in the receiver's database, and which includes characteristic properties of parts of the traffic route network.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein for a decoding, the coordinate chain of an encoded object is compared to the receiver's database, the at least one coordinate chain is assigned to the similar part of the traffic route network if similarities are present, and the non-assigned parts of the at least one coordinate chain are connected to the traffic routes of the receiver's database according to the geometric position of the assigned part.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 25, wherein the location-related information is made up of linear objects.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein for a decoding, a point set of equidistant points of the linear object and of the objects of the traffic route network is formed.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A method of claim 23 for transmitting location-related information from a transmitter to a receiver, the method comprising:

including the information in a digital map of the receiver; and

downloading the location-related information from an Internet page;

wherein:

the location-related information is made up of linear objects;

for decoding, a point set of equidistant points of the linear object and of the objects of the traffic route network is formed; and

for a plurality of relative positions of the point sets in relation to each other, the number of points which lie within a predetermined spacing of at least one point of the other point set is determined for one of the point sets, and the object to be decoded is decoded in the relative position in which the number is greatest by outputting the part of the traffic route network then correlated with the object.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A method of claim 15 for transmitting location-related information from a transmitter to a receiver, the method comprising:

including the information in a digital map of the receiver; and

downloading the location-related information from an Internet page;

wherein a data packet to be transmitted separately includes both location information and descriptive information, and the data packet has assignment information for assigning at least one part of the location information to at least one part of the descriptive information.

26. (Currently Amended) A navigation device comprising:
a digital road map; and
a receiving arrangement to receive location-related information which can be downloaded from an Internet page and included in the digital road map
wherein:

the location-related information is made up of linear objects;
for decoding, a point set of equidistant points of the linear object and of the objects of the traffic route network is formed; and
for a plurality of relative positions of the point sets in relation to each other, the number of points which lie within a predetermined spacing of at least one point of the other point set is determined for one of the point sets, and the object to be decoded is decoded in the relative position in which the number is greatest by outputting the part of the traffic route network then correlated with the object.

27. (Previously Presented) The navigation device of claim 26, wherein reception occurs via a connection to a device having an Internet connection.

28. (Previously Presented) The navigation device of claim 26, wherein the location-related information is read in from at least one of a transportable storage medium and a diskette.

29. (New) The method of claim 25, the location-related information being offered on an Internet portal of a service provider in return for payment.

30. (New) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
selecting a link to an Internet page of an information provider to reach the Internet page of a service provider having the location-related information; and
providing payment by the information provider to the service provider for the download of the location-related information.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, the payment amount being calculated as a function of a data set of the location-related information.

32. (New) The method of claim 25, the provision of the location-related information on the Internet page being financed at least partially by advertising.

33. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein, for a plurality of relative positions of the point sets in relation to each other, the number of points which lie within a predetermined spacing of at least one point of the other point set is determined for one of the point sets, and the object to be decoded is decoded in the relative position in which the number is greatest by outputting the part of the traffic route network then correlated with the object.

34. (New) A navigation device comprising:
a digital road map; and
a receiving arrangement to receive location-related information which can be downloaded from an Internet page and included in the digital road map;
wherein the location-related information is received in a data packet that separately includes both location information and descriptive information, and that has assignment information for assigning at least one part of the location information to at least one part of the descriptive information.

35. (New) The navigation device of claim 34, wherein reception occurs via a connection to a device having an Internet connection.